

Evacuation is Not Justifiable.

*So Say the Council and Governor of Martinique—Many
People Leaving Island — Sky Clear and Population
Calm — Mont Pelee Less Threatening — The Capoe
River is Running With Hot Water.*

Paris, May 23.—A dispatch received here from the governor of Martinique, dated yesterday, reads as follows:

"Have consulted with the council of the colony on the partial or total evacuation of the island. They are unanimous in declaring the measure is not justifiable at present. A transatlantic line steamship now undergoing repairs here might be utilized to transport those who are desirous of emigrating. About 1,000 persons are leaving by the steamer Versailles, and others are sailing on the Ville de Tager for Trinidad and Cayenne. There have been no new fatalities."

The population considerably. Besides these some 2,000 people have left for the southern parts of the island of Martinique, where 3,000 refugees have now assembled. This desertion of Port de France has resulted in a serious shortage of many trades. A number of bakers have been compelled to close their stores, owing to the fact that their employees are among those who have fled.

The French cruiser Tage, having Admiral Servan on board, arrived here yesterday. The admiral reported that Mont Pelée now presents a threatening prospect. The clouds of smoke leaving the crater mingle with the clouds in the sky and do not have the appearance of rain. Formerly there has been a regular fall of ash. A new crater has formed in the vicinity

MANY LEAVING MARTINIQUE.

Fort de France Island of Martinique, May 22 (Thursday).—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the sky was clear and the population was calm, but despite this favorable change in the situation many families are leaving the island. The French steamer Versaille left the port of Tanager for the island of Trinidad and Cayenne, French Guiana. This, with the 1,200 persons who have gone to the island of Guadeloupe, and many others who have taken refuge at St. Lucia and other islands, has left only about 4,000 persons on the island.

of Ajoupa Bouillon.

A locality known as Carme Trignon is causing a good deal of anxiety at present. The Cayole river is running with hot water.

The French cruiser D'Assas has arrived here from Brest, having on board the French government relief commission. It carries large supplies of money and provisions.

The French cruiser Tager left New Orleans May 11 with money and supplies for the Martinique sufferers, contributed by the citizens of New Or-

PEACE REGARDED AS ASSURED.

From Government—May Be Reserved for Meeting of Commons Monday—The Fighting Still Continues.

London, May 23.—Even in South Africa, London is regarded as assured, but an official declaration to that effect is still lacking, and there is nothing official to indicate when an announcement may be expected. Opinion is divided as to whether a statement on the situation will be issued tonight after the cabinet meeting, or whether the British leaders are expected for the meeting of the house of commons on Monday. It seems, however, at the best, that only the basis of the agreement will be announced. The British leaders and that if they are accepted the

discussion of the rails may still occupy some time, during which, presumably, the Boers will be allowed to proceed. Meanwhile, outside the Boer command, immediately connected with the peace negotiations, fighting continues. The news is surprising. Piche's command, in Cape Colony, has been defeated, and captured most of the Boer supplies. More public interest was manifested in today's meeting of the cabinet than in any other since the outbreak of the war. The ministers reached Downing street from all parts of the country and were greeted by hundreds of soldiers. Widespread interest in the war of affairs. The stock exchange has fully made up its mind how things are going and declares that the basis of peace were signed at Pretoria yesterday. It is estimated that the war cost £ 5 p. m. The Associated Press has ascertained that the government regards the war as practically ended. Aidances received by the war office indi-

HONORS THE FRENCH NAVY.

St. Petersburg, July 23.—The French squadron escorting Prince, Loubet, left Cronstadt this afternoon for France. The czar, M. Loubet and the zarina proceeded thence on the royal yacht Alexandra and boarded the armored cruiser Montcalm, where the president entertained their majesties at luncheon. M. Loubet toasted the czar as follows:

"Sire—in coming on board the Montcalm with her majesty, the zarina, you have done the French navy an honor which it will profoundly appreciate. The sentiments of our sailors for their brave comrades of the Russian navy manifest themselves on every occasion that offers. Whether in the eastern seas, the Mediterranean or elsewhere in their countries, I shall carry away a warm and imperishable memory of my visit to this hospitable empire, and France, which has heard with joy the welcome extended to her representatives, will remain faithful to the alliance with Russia, which in common with France, so fully appreciates the benefit."

"I drink to the long life and glory of the valiant Russian navy."

The czar replied:

"It is infinitely agreeable to the zarina and myself to again find ourselves in the midst of the brave French sailors and it is with especial pleasure that we feel that we are actually in France on this fine vessel. We thank you cordially for your visit, Mr. President, and beg you to convey our most cordial greetings and our warm wishes to France, the faithful friend and steadfast ally of Russia."

"I raise my glass to the prosperity

KILLED IN A TROLLEY WRECK.

Alfred Hamilton Hanged.

Whitcomb, Wn., May 23.—Alfred Hamilton alias Alfred Hawkins was hanged this morning at 6 o'clock for the murder of D. M. Woodbury at Tacoma, Sept. 7, 1896. His neck was broken by a fall and he was pronounced dead in 18 minutes. Hamilton maintained

of his pistol. The marshal turned into a building and at the top of the stairs Hamilton made the marshal stand still with his arms in the air. Woodbury stood at the door and saw the marshal go halfway to ask the reason of the commotion. He was ordered to throw up his hands and he did so. He was then taken to the gallows and hanged. The marshal, at the same time trying to back into the room. Thereupon Ham-

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